

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 5 NOVEMBER 2023



*"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)*

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @7am (after the service, the church will be closed)

Wed/Fri: 7am

Tues/Thurs: 9am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)  
FRIDAYS @7AM**



### Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8am—5pm

### Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

### Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on

Thursdays @1pm

### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @10am, gathering @9.45am (new time)

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Marriages:** By appointment

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### PARISH INCLUSIVITY COORDINATOR:

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## 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

### GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 9 & 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 11 NOVEMBER — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 12 NOVEMBER — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: ANNE BANKS & BETTY DYKES)
- ◆ 26 NOVEMBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 1 DECEMBER — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 9 DECEMBER — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 16 DECEMBER — BUSY BEE @8AM-11AM

During November we pray for our deceased loved ones. A box will be placed on the altar where you can place your November envelopes with the names of the deceased persons who will be remembered at all Masses.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world. Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day, supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.

YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — 11 November @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.

PARISH MORNING TEA INVITATION



SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2023 AFTER 7.30AM MASS

ROSTER: ANNE BANKS & BETTY DYKES

It's no life for some...

An indigenous woman who has suffered a lifetime of beatings from her dysfunctional family and who can't find a way out of her depression and poverty; or a family with several children trying to hang on to their home in this time of rising interest and rental rates. As members of the St Vincent de Paul Society we see such a lot of heartache and despair as we visit the homes of those seeking assistance. We listen and try to provide hope as well as practical assistance and advice. We do the heavy lifting and treat each person with dignity and try our utmost to help them.

Please continue to donate nonperishable food items and cash in the parish poor box at the rear of the Church. For you to help us enables us to help those in need in our region, so please continue to be generous and don't forget the important work we do.

Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Prayer and Faith development small groups in our parish:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: a prayer group that spends quiet time of reflection, prayer, hymns of praise & thanksgiving and fellowship.

Meets Thursday @1pm in Albert Lynch room Enquiries: Elspeth 0488 683 310 Judy 9364 9249

Build My Life: focuses on growing faith through fellowship, loosely structured bible study & prayer. Meets weekly Thursday evening @7pm in St Benedicts school staff room

Enquiries: Steve 0412 207 750

Christian Life Community (CLC) is based on Ignatian Spirituality which is a powerful way of helping us make God-based decisions in our lives. clcaustralia.org.au

ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au

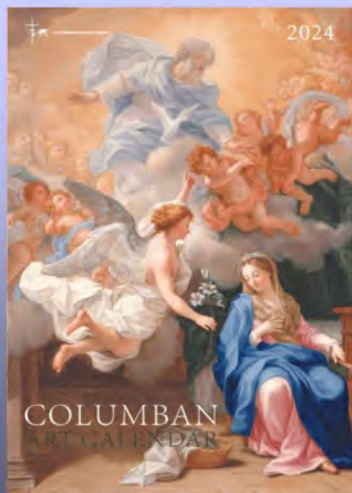
Enquiries: Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104

The next ALPHA COURSE alpha.org.au

Starting 31/8—16/11/23 @6.30-8.30pm (Thursdays) at St Benedicts Church www.stbenedicts.net.au

Registration: alphaatstbenes@gmail.com

Enquiries: Dom 0404 803 408 or Nicole 0429 859 308



2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR ON SALE

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

COST: \$10 each

Please give the money to Fr Nelson or the parish office.

Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Truus Botman, Ng Chai Hong, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Nick Odorisio, Michelle O'Brien, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey and all others who are not included in this list. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

James Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Reginald Trainor, Pat Norris, Ronald Milne, Benedict Schildknecht, Neil Harris, John Edmunds, Maree Rowney, Lizzy Connaughton and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. Thank you.



**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1**

Tuesday, 07 November 2023 at 7 pm – Online  
 Friday, 17 November 2023 at 10 am – Online  
 Wednesday, 06 December 2023 at 10 am – Online  
 To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.  
 Further info: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or 08 9221 7762.

**THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION**  
 The amount donated by the **Applecross** Parish for the 2023 Appeal was **\$4,111**. Thank you for your generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal which will go towards helping our medical missionaries in East Timor to provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable. Please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au) if you are keen to participate in God's mission by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission and the vision of Pope Francis as a parish volunteer, or by leaving a bequest.

**Chaplets of the Divine Mercy.**  
 A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held at **St Thomas More Catholic Church**, Dean Road Bateman, on the second Wednesday of each month commencing @7.30pm. The next devotion will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 commencing @7.30pm**. Enquiries to George Lopez on 0419 910 039.



**Mothers Prayers Australia— 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**  
 Mothers Prayers Australia invites all mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers to a **Mass to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wed 22 November at 10am, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton**. Please come early to place the names of your children and grandchildren in the basket which will be brought up to the altar at the start of Mass, signifying our surrender of these children into Jesus' care. Mass will be followed by morning tea, during which those new to Mothers Prayers will be introduced to the worldwide Mothers Prayers ministry where mothers come together to pray for their children and all children throughout the world. Enquiries: email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator, [perth@mothersprayers.org](mailto:perth@mothersprayers.org)



**Presence**  
 Lord, God, my Creator, Be close to me now. My soul yearns for your presence.

**Freedom**  
 Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, so that I may have inner freedom. Let your Spirit instil in my heart a desire to know and love you more each day.

**Consciousness**  
 Heavenly Father, may I grow in virtue as I take time out of my day to listen to you and spend time with you. May your goodness overflow into my life, and from my life into the lives of all those I meet.

**Inspiration**  
 What is religion to me? Wings to lift me or a weight to drag me down? A matter of love or of law? Jesus offers rest and relief to those who labour and are burdened. Can I recognize myself in the Pharisee, the Pharisee in me?  
 An adult is often told to 'chill out' by a younger person. We can easily think of people who are puffed up with their own praise and a sort of pomposity about them. We don't like that in others; it may be that there is a bit of this in each of us. To realise that we are totally dependent on God for life and love is a humbling realisation. Prayer at its best keeps us humble, chilled out with the warmth of God's love!

**Conversation**  
 Jesus, you speak to me through the words of the Gospels. May I respond to your call today. Teach me to recognise your hand at work in my daily life.

**Conclusion**  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, World without end.

**Amen**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Complete the maze by making the right choices

Start out as a humble servant of others

You see a fellow student struggling to carry all their books. So you...

stop and offer to help carry the books    ignore them and walk on by

You win a prize for a science project that a friend helped you with. So you...

acknowledge your friend's help and share the prize    take all the credit

You come first in a school running race. So you...

tell everyone how good you were    encourage the others to run faster next time

Someone pays you a compliment for being clever. So you say...    "Of course! I'm clever! Everyone knows that!"    "Thankyou."

Congratulations! You make a great leader

Tick the correct answers

**A humble person is someone who...**

respects others     takes turns

always tries to be first

lets others go before them

boasts about how good they are

serves others     pushes in

always tries to help others

**Church/School Parking – Reminder**  
 Please park on the allotted bays in the church carpark and in the school carpark at Alness Street. **Do not park on the neighbouring residents' lawns across the road from the church.** Thank you.

Please Do Not Drive Or Park On Grass

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 32nd Sun in Ord Time, Year A**

1st: Wis 6:12-16    Ps: 62:2-8

2nd: 1Thess 4:13-18    Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

**First Reading** Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud  
nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great  
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul  
in silence and peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast,  
even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord  
both now and for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children,

we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*They do not practise what they preach.*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Psalm 15:11

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 11 & 12 NOVEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	ROD DOWLING	TERRY MEO	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	JAKE & JAKE GOLDING LUKE CARRICK	TOM, OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	JOEY VILLEGAS LETICIA AVERY CHARMAINE VOGLER	SACHA AUTON VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	SALLY HOBDAV	TERRY BOLAND	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	FRANK GERICEVICH	ROGER BUNN TERRY BOLAND	ADRIAN DARGIE
READERS	YOUTH MASS	MONICA ANDERSON RITA ILICH	PAUL CICCARELLI MARINA CICCARELLI	JILL NORTON PATRICIA ROBERTSON
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	JUDY LEE	MOIRA BUNN MARGARET SANDFORD	MARIA HILL KEVIN AUTON
ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN & FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: SUSI SUSANTO	
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	